

City of Rockville Environment Commission

Sustainable Development and Energy Committee (SDEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 19, 2010

Diamondback Terrapin Room, City Hall

7:00 pm

1. Welcome / Agenda Review/ Minutes Adoption

- The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.
- In attendance from the SDEC: Christine Davidson-McCord, Laura Schlee, Lea Rosenbohm, and staff liaison Erica Shingara.
- In attendance from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce: Jonathan Gritz (Tower Oaks) and Andrea Jolly (Chamber).

2. Green Building Tax Credits (SDEC and RCC joint discussion)

- Reviewed revised draft proposal. Changes included an expanded description of LEED-EB, presentation of 3 options (no program, matching, and jump-start), and an example for an average building. The proposal was forwarded to the Environment Commission for comments. The final proposal will include a recommendation to implement Option 3.
- Pre-briefing meeting with Council Member Britton: October 25, 2010 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Arrange conference call after meeting to incorporate any recommendations into the final presentation for November 8
- Preparation for November 8th presentation:
 - The agenda allocates approximately 20 minutes for the presentation: 1) Staff introduction of topic and presenters; 2) JG presentation of proposal; 3) SDEC/Commission provide support; and 4) Mayor and Council questions, discussion, and guidance.
 - ES will draft power point with 2 slides to support the presentation: 1) Description of LEED-EB; and 2) Tax Credit Options Table
 - AJ will include a notice about the proposal and presentation in the Chamber's newsletter
 - The public, Chamber and SDEC may comment at Citizens Forum or submit letters to the M&C.

3. Member News / Announcements / Upcoming Events

- The revised Green Building Web pages and new applications are now live: <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/greenbuilding/index.html>
- The City will now be collecting photos, inserting maps of Rockville's LEED and ENERGY STAR buildings, and selecting graphics to make the site more attractive. Please send any suggestions or recommendations so that we can continue to improve the site. We welcome photos of LEED or ENERGY STAR buildings in Rockville. Please provide a caption/credit with any submission.

- EPA's Green Power Community Challenge is a program aimed at doubling the collective amount of green power used by EPA Green Power Communities (GPC). At the conclusion of the Challenge, the community with the highest green power percentage and the community that uses the most kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power will receive national recognition and special attention from EPA. Rockville is finalizing an application and will be working with the community and businesses to encourage the purchase of green power.
- There is a potential opportunity for the City and Chamber to coordinate with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Pepco to host an energy incentive information meeting for multi-family buildings (both trade-allies and building owners and managers). Meeting may be held in December.
- Christine Davidson-McCord reviewed last week's Multi-city meeting of environment commissions (Rockville, Gaithersburg, Greenbelt, Laurel, Bowie). The meeting provided an opportunity to share successes, challenges, and provide an information exchange about a variety of environmental topics: stormwater management; outreach, volunteers, and recycling; green spaces and green remodeling; resources, bureaucracy, government entities, and climate.

4. Wrap-up and Adjourn

The next SDEC meeting will be **Tuesday, November 23, 2010** at the Rockville City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.